

HISTON & IMPINGTON GREEN SPACES

England & Wales · Charity number 1195616

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-08-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE CHARITY IS ESTABLISHED ARE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE PARISHES OF HISTON AND IMPINGTON BY THE ADVANCEMENT OF BIODIVERSITY.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£46,907	£13,354	-	-
2024-03-31	£51,687	£14,955	-	-
2023-03-31	£114,000	£6,253	-	-
2022-03-31	£170,953	£700	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Rebekah Wilson		2026-03-21
David Frederick Dives		2024-03-16
Donald Guy Richardson		2025-03-22
Dr Nicholas James Bailey		2024-03-16
Ian David Ellis		2024-03-16
Jonathan Frank Pavey		2022-08-08
Katharine Anne Holliday		2022-08-24

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

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	Mr A Jenking	(Served from 24 August 2021 to 09 July 2024)
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Structure, governance and management

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The charity had seven trustees at the end of the period, all bar one drawn from the local community. Their expertise covers a mix of conservation, legal and business experience.

The Parish Council has a right to nominate a non-voting representative to attend charity trustees' meetings, recognising the importance the charity puts to engaging with the Histon & Impington community and the considerable support the Parish Council has provided.

At the end period under review 146 people had to date become members of the charity.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Objectives and activities

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The **vision** of Histon & Impington Green Spaces (HIGS) is that the people of Histon & Impington will be the custodians and beneficiaries of an expanded network of wildlife-rich, green spaces that present and future generations can access and enjoy.

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The first spaces for these purposes are Long Meadow (LM) and Croft Close Nature-Reserve (CCNR) - which was previously known as Croft Close Set-aside. Here the charity is seeking to protect and enhance the two sites' biodiversity. Importantly these areas will be for local people to enjoy, to savour their serenity and to connect with nature.

The charity took on the lease of Long Meadow effective 21 June 2022 and has an option to purchase the Meadow on the current owner's demise. The charity completed the purchase of CCNR on 8 June 2023.

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Achievements and performance

In the period under review, HIGS has continued with a range of activities aimed at both facilitating access to CCNR and Long Meadow, improving the habitat quality, undertaking biodiversity monitoring and engaging with its supporter base. The activities have included:

- Site management aimed at both keeping the network of paths open for visitors and habitat management. The latter included:
 - removal of brambles encroaching into grassland areas
 - an early cut of the hay meadow with the aim of improving the wildflower population by reducing competition from grasses and
 - clearing certain areas of scrub as part of a multi-year rotation.
- Renovation started on a 40m length of old hedgerow alongside Park Lane. Brambles, ivy and non-woody vegetation was removed and around 300 whips planted by teams of volunteers. The first planting session was done as a public event aimed especially at young children's participation
- This renovation also allowed a new entrance onto Long Meadow to be created; preparatory work was completed in the period.
- All site management was undertaken by volunteers except for some tree surgery.
- A programme of surveys and monitoring at both CCNR and Long Meadow, including:
 - Systematic flora surveys at Long Meadow and at CCNR. By the end of 2024 some 160 species had been recorded at Long Meadow and 220 at CCNR.
 - Bird ringing at CCNR together with collating ad hoc sightings
 - Counts of butterflies as part of the Big Butterfly Count, staged as a participatory educational event, with 519 observations covering 15 species
 - One moth trapping session was undertaken at CCNR; the most notable catch was of the Nationally Scarce 'A' Blue Fleabane Straw. There were ad hoc observations of over 120 non-lepidoptera invertebrate species.
- In engaging with our supporters, as part of both educational and fundraising activities, we have:
 - Put on a combined "Magical Moths & Beautiful Birds" wildlife demonstration event at CCNR.
 - Run a series of guided walks and identification workshops. Most addressed specific topics, including tree ID and spring birdsong. We also offered general walks for those who wanted an introduction to CCNR and "Walking Stick" walks aimed at those attracted to a slower-paced walk.
 - Run a programme of three talks over the winter, covering "Croft Close's wildlife - an inspiration for a Quilt", "Out with my lens in East Anglia" and "Butterflies of Cambridgeshire".
 - Held an educational April Nature Hunt quiz event (in which around 40 children participated despite dreadful weather)
 - Participated in several community events, including those organised by the Histon and Impington Library Friends, Histon & Impington Sustainability, Histon & Impington Community Orchard Project and the annual Histon Feast Week
 - Published seven "Connecting with Nature" newsletters, issued to around 550 subscribers as well as providing articles for the local news service, HI Hub and a monthly parish newsletter.
 - Issued regular communications to our supporters by direct mailing and through social media, informing them of activities, events and volunteering opportunities.
 - Maintained and regularly updated our website, publishing news stories, information on species present at Long Meadow and CCNR and our day-to-day activities as well as information about the charity.
 - Published a Histon & Impington Green Spaces calendar, sold for fundraising.

The charity has also supported interventions to improve the environment and biodiversity within Histon and Impington away from Long Meadow and CCNR.

- We supported the Histon & Impington Parish Council providing advice on management of wild green spaces under their control
- We organised and led work parties removing invasive evergreen oaks from Histon's WI Wood, which is owned by the County Council.

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- As part of our Members' Afternoon we held a workshop continuing with the theme "Connecting with Nature". This focused on the water environment, in particular possible modifications to the Brook where it runs beside Long Meadow with a view to enhancing biodiversity. The workshop also considered creation of "Pocket Patches" - wildlife friendly, small green spaces within the urban environment.

In recognition of the potential to secure benefit from the UK Government's Biodiversity Net Gain scheme, the charity continued to research how this may be achieved while improving the quality of Long Meadow's grassland and wildflowers.

The design, fabrication and installation at CCNR of an artist-designed portal, entitled "Fides", paid for under the Thalia WB Community Fund grant was successfully completed. The form of the portal references features of the CCNR site: the arches in the trunk of the veteran oak, and the egg of the endangered turtle dove. The grant, awarded in March 2023, was fully utilised on this artwork and, as a payment in arrears, contributed towards the previous year's purchase of CCNR.

Financial review

At the end of the period, the charity had total assets less current liabilities of £348,285.

Of this, cash at the bank and in hand was £71,705 and the remainder, £260,330 are the tangible fixed assets relating to the charity's Croft Close Nature Reserve property.

Reserves policy

As of the end of this reporting period, the charity's policy is to maintain reserves of not less than £20,000. Of this, £10,000 is to cover unforeseen events in day-to-day operations. It is noted the charity's expenditure is heavily weighted towards the winter when most site management work occurs whilst fundraising is spread more evenly from autumn through to mid-summer. In its budgeting, the charity makes no provision for emergency tree safety work, but should this be required, the necessary sums will be drawn from reserves, which will then be replenished in a timely manner. The charity also holds £10,000 as an "Early Response Reserve" to cover initial professional fees and the like should a land purchase opportunity present itself. This is in line with the charity's mission. Unless drawn down for its stated purpose, this reserve will be maintained indefinitely. The foregoing notwithstanding, the charity seeks to raise sufficient funds each year to cover day-to-day expenditure.

Risks and significant events

There have been no significant events affecting the charity's financial performance. However, in the period of this report there has been a modest decline in routine donations which was offset by two relatively generous donations (from a local resident and a community group). The charity has no investments, nor currently intends to have such investments, but cash not required for day-to-day activities is held in an interest-bearing bank deposit account. The charity's income is from a mix of public donations, sales of a calendar and grants. The proportions vary between years. The main risk to which the charity is currently exposed is an absence of committed, informed and competent volunteers required both to ensure the charity is run well but also to ensure biodiversity is being enhanced in the properties managed by the charity. In addition, the charity is responsible for mature trees of varying ages. The risk of these causing harm is managed by reference to The National Tree Safety Group's recommendations for the inspection of such trees.

Public benefit

The charity trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees' annual report was approved on 2nd January 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Pavey', is shown on a light-colored background.

Mr J Pavey
Trustee

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Histon & Impington Green Spaces ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	8,412	35,270	43,682	45,021
Charitable activities	5	2,972	–	2,972	6,666
Investment income	6	253	–	253	–
Total income		<u>11,637</u>	<u>35,270</u>	<u>46,907</u>	<u>51,687</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	192	216	408	1,080
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9,10	1,887	11,059	12,946	13,875
Total expenditure		<u>2,079</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>13,354</u>	<u>14,955</u>
Net income		<u>9,558</u>	<u>23,995</u>	<u>33,553</u>	<u>36,732</u>
Transfers between funds		277,380	(277,380)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>286,938</u>	<u>(253,385)</u>	<u>33,553</u>	<u>36,732</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		13,413	301,319	314,732	278,000
Total funds carried forward		<u>300,351</u>	<u>47,934</u>	<u>348,285</u>	<u>314,732</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	276,580	260,330
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		71,705	54,402
Net current assets		71,705	54,402
Total assets less current liabilities		348,285	314,732
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		47,934	301,319
Unrestricted funds		300,351	13,413
Total charity funds	14	348,285	314,732

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2nd January 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Pavey
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9LU.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings - 10% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations including Gift Aid	8,412	270	8,682
Grants			
Grants received	—	35,000	35,000
	<u>8,412</u>	<u>35,270</u>	<u>43,682</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

4. Donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations including Gift Aid	6,599	19,999	26,598
Grants			
Grants received	—	18,423	18,423
	<u>6,599</u>	<u>38,422</u>	<u>45,021</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Walking tours and educational activities	769	—	769
Merchandise sales	2,203	—	2,203
	<u>2,972</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,972</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Walking tours and educational activities	1,358	2,577	3,935
Merchandise sales	2,731	—	2,731
	<u>4,089</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>6,666</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	253	253	—	—

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Fundraising costs	192	216	408
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising costs	161	919	1,080

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2025

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	1,887	10,674	12,561
Support costs	–	385	385
	<u>1,887</u>	<u>11,059</u>	<u>12,946</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	1,132	12,111	13,243
Support costs	–	632	632
	<u>1,132</u>	<u>12,743</u>	<u>13,875</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	<u>12,561</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>12,946</u>	<u>13,875</u>

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>800</u>	<u>–</u>

11. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustees have had any expenses reimbursed in the current or preceding year, other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses.

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	260,330	–	260,330
Additions	–	17,050	17,050
Transfers	(2,000)	2,000	–
At 31 March 2025	258,330	19,050	277,380
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	–	–	–
Charge for the year	–	800	800
At 31 March 2025	–	800	800
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	258,330	18,250	276,580
At 31 March 2024	260,330	–	260,330

The land and buildings relates to Abbey Fields, the balance of £258,330 (2024: 260,330) relates to land which is not depreciated.

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	13,413	11,637	(1,729)	–	23,771
Fixed asset fund	–	–	(800)	277,380	276,580
	<u>13,413</u>	<u>11,637</u>	<u>(2,079)</u>	<u>277,380</u>	<u>300,351</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	4,018	10,688	(1,293)	–	13,413
Fixed asset fund	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>4,018</u>	<u>10,688</u>	<u>(1,293)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>13,413</u>

The fixed assets fund is the value of unrestricted funds represented by fixed assets owned by the charity. The transfer represents the net movement on additions, disposals and depreciation for the year.

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14. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Abbey Fields Properties	301,319	270	(11,275)	(242,380)	47,934
Thalia WB Community Fund	—	35,000	—	(35,000)	—
	<u>301,319</u>	<u>35,270</u>	<u>(11,275)</u>	<u>(277,380)</u>	<u>47,934</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Abbey Fields Properties	273,982	40,999	(13,662)	—	301,319
Thalia WB Community Fund	—	—	—	—	—
	<u>273,982</u>	<u>40,999</u>	<u>(13,662)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>301,319</u>

Thalia WB Community Fund

During the year a grant was received to purchase fixed assets. An amount of £35,000 has been transferred to the general fund in respect of the assets purchased.

Abbey Fields Properties

This fund is for the acquisition and management of the Abbey Fields properties. The funds can also be used for anything related to developing and sustaining HIGS as a viable charity, able to be an effective owner and custodian of Abbey Fields on behalf of the community in perpetuity.

The balance relating the purchase of the fixed asset has been transferred to a separate designated fund for fixed assets.

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	276,580	–	276,580
Current assets	23,771	47,934	71,705
Net assets	<u>300,351</u>	<u>47,934</u>	<u>348,285</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	260,330	260,330
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Achievements and performance

The charity was set up to acquire the Abbey Fields properties, Long Meadow and Croft Close Nature Reserve (then called “Set-aside”), for the community and ensure their management for biodiversity conservation, preservation of archaeological heritage, educational use and people's enjoyment. The charity is legally responsible for the current fund-raising and financial management and then for looking after Croft Close Nature Reserve and Long Meadow.

The charity took on the lease of Long Meadow effective 21 June 2022 and has the option to purchase the Meadow on the current owner's demise. The charity completed the purchase of Croft Close Nature Reserve on 8 June 2023 (which has been a County Wildlife Site since 13 October 2022).

During the first Quarter HIGS took on all remaining functions of the Friends of Histon & Impington Green Spaces (FHIGS) and in late 2023 members of FHIGS were invited to become members of HIGS. At the end of the period, HIGS had 131 members.

In the period under review, HIGS has undertaken a range of activities aimed at both facilitating access to Croft Close Nature Reserve and Long Meadow, improving the habitat quality, undertaking biodiversity monitoring and engaging with its supporter base. The activities have included:

- Site management aimed at both keeping the network of paths open for visitors and habitat management. The latter included:
 - removal of brambles encroaching into grassland areas
 - an early cut of the hay meadow with the aim of improving the wildflower population by reducing competition from grasses and
 - clearing certain areas of scrub as part of a multi-year rotation.
 - All site management was undertaken by volunteers with the exception of some tree surgery
 - A programme of surveys and monitoring at both Croft Close Nature Reserve and Long Meadow, including:
 - Systematic flora surveys at Long Meadow and at Croft Close Nature Reserve
 - Monthly bird ringing at Croft Close Nature Reserve together with collating ad hoc sightings
 - Counts of butterflies as part of the Big Butterfly Count, staged as a participatory educational event, with 517 observations covering 16 species.
 - In engaging with our supporters, as part of both educational and fundraising activities, we have:
 - Put on a combined “Magical Moths & Beautiful Birds” wildlife demonstration event at Croft Close Nature Reserve.
 - Run a series of guided walks. Some were intended to provide an introduction to the sites, others addressed specific topics, including meadow flora, trees and spring birdsong.
 - Run a programme of three talks over the winter, covering “Birds of Cambridgeshire: winners and losers”, “A virtual tour of Abbey Farm” and “The mysterious work of Cambridge's dragonflies”
 - Held an educational Easter quiz event (in which over 120 children participated and bringing around 450 visitors to Long Meadow)
 - Participated in several community events, including those organised by Histon & Impington Sustainability, Histon & Impington Community Orchard Project and the annual Histon Feast Week.
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

- Published six “Abbey Fields” newsletters, issued to around 550 subscribers, as well as providing articles for the local news service, HI Hub as well as the Parish Council’s quarterly newsletter and a monthly parish newsletter.
- Published an Abbey Fields calendar, sold for fundraising.
- We have maintained good contact with The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire, who have provided advice on habitat management.

The charity has also supported interventions to improve the environment and biodiversity within Histon and Impington away from the Abbey Fields sites:

- We have also supported the Histon & Impington Parish Council providing advice on management of wild green spaces under their control and led the planting of a wetland area on Histon’s The Green.
- We also helped organise and lead work parties removing invasive evergreen oaks from Histon’s WI Wood, which is owned by the County Council.
- As part of our Members’ Afternoon we held a workshop themed “Connecting with Nature”. Around 70 suggestions for action were identified, both for our Abbey Fields sites and elsewhere within Histon and Impington. At the end of the period these suggestions were being assessed.

Financial review

At the end of the period, the charity had assets of £314,732.

Of this, cash at the bank and in hand was £54,402 and the remainder, £260,330 are the tangible fixed assets relating to the charity’s Croft Close Nature Reserve property, bought on 8 June 2023.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 8th January 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr J Pavey
Trustee

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Histon & Impington Green Spaces ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

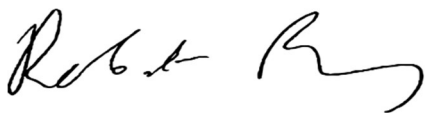
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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Robert Plumbly

Independent Examiner

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	6,599	38,422	45,021	110,671
Charitable activities	5	4,089	2,577	6,666	3,329
Total income		<u>10,688</u>	<u>40,999</u>	<u>51,687</u>	<u>114,000</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	6	161	919	1,080	2,179
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	1,132	12,743	13,875	4,074
Total expenditure		<u>1,293</u>	<u>13,662</u>	<u>14,955</u>	<u>6,253</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>9,395</u>	<u>27,337</u>	<u>36,732</u>	<u>107,747</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		4,018	273,982	278,000	170,253
Total funds carried forward		<u>13,413</u>	<u>301,319</u>	<u>314,732</u>	<u>278,000</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	260,330	—
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>54,402</u>	<u>278,000</u>
Net current assets		<u>54,402</u>	<u>278,000</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>314,732</u>	<u>278,000</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		301,319	273,982
Unrestricted funds		<u>13,413</u>	<u>4,018</u>
Total charity funds	12	<u>314,732</u>	<u>278,000</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 8th January 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Pavey
Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

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2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations including Gift Aid	6,599	19,999	26,598
Grants			
Grants received	—	18,423	18,423
	<u>6,599</u>	<u>38,422</u>	<u>45,021</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations including Gift Aid	1,543	59,128	60,671

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants			
Grants received	—	50,000	50,000
	<u>1,543</u>	<u>109,128</u>	<u>110,671</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Walking tours and educational activities	1,358	2,577	3,935
Merchandise sales	2,731	—	2,731
	<u>4,089</u>	<u>2,577</u>	<u>6,666</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Walking tours and educational activities	471	—	471
Merchandise sales	2,858	—	2,858
	<u>3,329</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,329</u>

6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising costs	161	919	1,080

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising costs	—	2,179	2,179

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2024

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	1,132	12,111	13,243
Support costs	–	632	632
	<u>1,132</u>	<u>12,743</u>	<u>13,875</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	1,097	2,592	3,689
Support costs	–	385	385
	<u>1,097</u>	<u>2,977</u>	<u>4,074</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	<u>13,243</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>13,875</u>	<u>4,074</u>

9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustees have had any expenses reimbursed in the current or preceding year.

In accordance with the terms of an Order of the Charity Commission for England and Wales with Authorisation Number 2094/2223 the trustees purchased property from Jenking Let Ltd.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	–
Additions	260,330
At 31 March 2024	<u>260,330</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	–
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>260,330</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>–</u>

The land and buildings relates to Abbey Fields, the full balance relates to land which is not depreciated.

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>4,018</u>	<u>10,688</u>	<u>(1,293)</u>	<u>13,413</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	<u>243</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>(1,097)</u>	<u>4,018</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
Abbey Fields Properties	<u>273,982</u>	<u>40,999</u>	<u>(13,662)</u>	<u>301,319</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
Abbey Fields Properties	<u>170,010</u>	<u>109,128</u>	<u>(5,156)</u>	<u>273,982</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

12. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Abbey Fields Properties

This fund is for the acquisition and management of the Abbey Fields properties. The funds can also be used for anything related to developing and sustaining HIGS as a viable charity, able to be an effective owner and custodian of Abbey Fields on behalf of the community in perpetuity.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	260,330	260,330
Current assets	13,413	40,989	54,402
Net assets	<u>13,413</u>	<u>301,319</u>	<u>314,732</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	–	–
Current assets	2,475	275,525	278,000
Net assets	<u>2,475</u>	<u>275,525</u>	<u>278,000</u>

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1195616

Histon & Impington Green Spaces
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended
31 March 2023

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Histon & Impington Green Spaces	
Charity registration number	1195616	
Principal office	Histon & Impington Recreation Ground New Road Impington Cambridge CB24 9LU	
The trustees	Mr D Payne	(Resigned 24 August 2022)
	Mr J Jenkins	
	Ms P Nudds	(Resigned 24 August 2022)
	Mr R Bensted-Smith	
	Mr A Jenking	
	Ms D Fisher	
	Ms K Holliday	(Appointed 24 August 2022)
	Ms J Crockford	(Served from 24 August 2022 to 13 September 2022)
	Ms R Moulder	(Appointed 24 August 2022)
	Mr J Pavey	(Appointed 8 August 2022)

Structure, governance and management

Histon & Impington Green Spaces is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 August 2021. The charity was governed by its constitution of 24th August 2021 up to 20th January 2023 when the Charity Commission endorsed a revised constitution based on the 'Association' model form. (Originally the charity had a 'Foundation' model constitution.)

The charity had seven trustees at the end of the period, all drawn from the local community. Their expertise covers a mix of conservation, legal and business experience.

The Parish Council has a right to nominate a non-voting representative to attend charity trustees' meetings, recognising the importance the charity puts to engaging with the Histon & Impington community and the considerable support the Parish Council has provided.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects for which the charity is established are, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment in the parishes of Histon and Impington by the advancement of biodiversity.

The vision of Histon & Impington Green Spaces (HIGS) is that the people of Histon & Impington will be the custodians and beneficiaries of an expanded network of wildlife-rich, green spaces that present and future generations can access and enjoy.

The mission of HIGS is to secure, by acquisition or otherwise, long-term access to land in and around Histon & Impington and enable this to be managed for these twin purposes:

- nature conservation; and
 - the community experiencing nature for its enjoyment, health and wellbeing.
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

The first spaces for these purposes are Long Meadow (LM) and Croft Close Set-aside (CCSA), collectively known as Abbey Fields. Here the charity is seeking to protect and enhance their biodiversity. Importantly these areas will be for local people to enjoy, to savour their serenity and to connect with nature.

Achievements and performance

The charity was set up to acquire the Abbey Fields properties, Long Meadow and Croft Close Set-aside, for the community and ensure their management for biodiversity conservation, preservation of archaeological heritage, educational use and people's enjoyment. The charity is legally responsible for the current fund-raising and financial management and then for looking after Croft Close Set-aside and Long Meadow. The charity took on the lease of Long Meadow effective 21 June 2022 and has an option to purchase the Meadow on the current owner's demise. (After the end of the reporting period the charity completed the purchase of Croft Close Set-aside, effective 8 June 2023.)

Following an independent survey by The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire, Croft Close Set-aside was selected as a County Wildlife Site on 13 October 2022.

A review of the charity's organisation together with that of the Friends of Histon & Impington Green Spaces (FHIGS) led the respective leaderships to conclude it was timely for HIGS to convert from a charity with a Foundation model constitution to an Association model with a view to bringing the FHIGS volunteers and supporters under the HIGS umbrella.

It is anticipated that eventually FHIGS will be wound up leaving a single organisation, with simpler and more transparent reporting structures. The change in HIGS' constitution was effected in January 2023. Over the remainder of the reporting period practical aspects of this change were being implemented, including the organisation of volunteer and public activities falling to HIGS. The transition was still in progress at the end of the reporting period.

In the period under review, HIGS/FHIGS has undertaken a range of activities aimed at facilitating access to Croft Close Set-aside and Long Meadow, improving the habitat quality, undertaking biodiversity monitoring and engaging with its supporter base. This has included:

- Site management aimed at both keeping the network of paths open for visitors and habitat management. The latter included:
 - 'halo release' of the veteran oak tree at Croft Close Set-aside to improve the tree's resilience
 - removal of brambles encroaching into grassland areas
 - an early cut of the hay meadow with the aim of improving the wildflower population by reducing competition from grasses and
 - clearing certain areas of scrub as part of a multi-year rotation.
 - All site management was undertaken by volunteers with the exception of some tree surgery and the provision of a hard-surface accessway across part of Croft Close Set-aside, as required under the purchase agreement
 - A programme of surveys and monitoring at both Croft Close Set-aside and Long Meadow, including:
 - Systematic flora surveys at Long Meadow and ad hoc surveys at Croft Close Set-aside
 - Four moth trapping sessions, with 277 species recorded
 - Monthly bird ringing at Croft Close Set-aside (with data from 191 birds collected) together with collating ad hoc sightings
 - Counts of butterflies as part of the Big Butterfly Count, staged as a participatory educational event, with 390 observations covering 14 species
 - A preliminary investigation into invertebrate distribution at Croft Close Set-aside undertaken by two Cambridge University students.
 - In engaging with our supporters, as part of both educational and fundraising activities, we have:
 - Organised a commemorative tree planting, attended by around 120 people
 - Put on two wildlife demonstration events. One, involving bird ringing was done as part of the Cambridge Nature Festival, in collaboration with Cambridge Past, Present and Future and others. We also had a moth demonstration event, releasing moths that had been trapped overnight. This was combined with a children's activity sweep-netting grassland for invertebrates under the supervision of a professional
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

- ecologist.
- Run a series of guided walks. Some were intended to provide an introduction to the sites, others addressed specific topics, including meadow flora, trees and spring birdsong.
- Staged a talk on "The Nature of Cambridge" describing the outcome of a citizen science project in a neighbouring area to Histon & Impington
- Held an educational Easter quiz event (in which over 120 children participated and bringing around 450 visitors to Long Meadow)
- Participated in several community events, including those organised by Histon & Impington Sustainability, Histon & Impington Community Orchard Project and the annual Histon Feast Week.
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- Published an Abbey Fields calendar, sold for fundraising.
- We have maintained good contact with The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire, who have provided advice on habitat management.
- We have also supported the Histon & Impington Parish Council by providing advice on management of wild green spaces under their control, including planting up a wetland area on Histon Village Green.

There has also been considerable fundraising activity during the period, focused on the local community. In addition, the charity successfully applied for a grant to the Banister Charitable Trust, known for its support to wildlife conservation charities.

Financial review

At the end of the period, with the receipt of the grant from the Banister Charitable Trust in March 2023, the charity had secured the finance necessary to purchase Croft Close Set-aside. The charity held £278,000 in reserves of which approximately £260,000 was earmarked to complete the purchase of Croft Close Set-aside.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 10th January 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr J Pavey
Trustee

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Histon & Impington Green Spaces ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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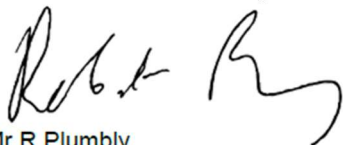
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Mr R Plumbly

Independent Examiner

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2023

		Year to 31 Mar 23			Period from 24 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22
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Donations and legacies	4	1,543	109,128	110,671	170,710
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Costs of raising donations and legacies	6	–	2,179	2,179	370
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	1,097	2,977	4,074	330
Total expenditure		<u>1,097</u>	<u>5,156</u>	<u>6,253</u>	<u>700</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>3,775</u>	<u>103,972</u>	<u>107,747</u>	<u>170,253</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		243	170,010	170,253	–
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,018</u>	<u>273,982</u>	<u>278,000</u>	<u>170,253</u>

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Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		278,000	170,253
Net current assets		278,000	170,253
Total assets less current liabilities		278,000	170,253
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		273,982	170,010
Unrestricted funds		4,018	243
Total charity funds	11	278,000	170,253

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Pavey
Trustee

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Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
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- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities

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they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations including Gift Aid	1,543	59,128	60,671
Grants			
Grants received	—	50,000	50,000
	<u>1,543</u>	<u>109,128</u>	<u>110,671</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations including Gift Aid	—	170,710	170,710
Grants			
Grants received	—	—	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>170,710</u>	<u>170,710</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Walking tours	471	471	243	243
Merchandise sales	2,858	2,858	—	—
	<u>3,329</u>	<u>3,329</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>243</u>

6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising costs	2,179	2,179	370	370

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	1,097	2,592	3,689
Support costs	—	385	385
	<u>1,097</u>	<u>2,977</u>	<u>4,074</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	—	—	—
Support costs	—	330	330
	<u>—</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	<u>3,689</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>4,074</u>	<u>330</u>

9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2022: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustees have had any expenses reimbursed in the current or preceding year.

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11. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>243</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>(1,097)</u>	<u>4,018</u>

	At 24 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>—</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>243</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Abbey Fields Properties	<u>170,010</u>	<u>109,128</u>	<u>(5,156)</u>	<u>273,982</u>

	At 24 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Abbey Fields Properties	<u>—</u>	<u>170,710</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>170,010</u>

Abbey Fields Properties

This fund is for the acquisition and management of the Abbey Fields properties. The funds can also be used for anything related to developing and sustaining HIGS as a viable charity, able to be an effective owner and custodian of Abbey Fields on behalf of the community in perpetuity.

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Current assets	<u>2,475</u>	<u>275,525</u>	<u>278,000</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Current assets	<u>243</u>	<u>170,010</u>	<u>170,253</u>

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1195616

Histon & Impington Green Spaces
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the period ended
31 March 2022

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Financial Statements

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Trustees' Annual Report

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Histon & Impington Green Spaces	
Charity registration number	1195616	
Principal office	Histon & Impington Recreation Ground New Road Impington Cambridge CB24 9LU	
The trustees	Mr D Payne	(Served from 24 August 2021 to 24 August 2022)
	Mr J Jenkins	(Appointed 24 August 2021)
	Ms P Nudds	(Served from 24 August 2021 to 24 August 2022)
	Mr R Bensted-Smith	(Appointed 24 August 2021)
	Mr A Jenking	(Appointed 24 August 2021)
	Ms D Fisher	(Appointed 24 August 2021)
	Ms K Holliday	(Appointed 24 August 2022)
	Ms J Crockford	(Served from 24 August 2022 to 13 September 2022)
	Ms R Moulder	(Appointed 24 August 2022)
	Mr J Pavey	(Appointed 08 August 2022)

Structure, governance and management

Histon & Impington Green Spaces is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 August 2021. The charity is governed by its constitution of 24 August 2021.

The charity currently has 7 trustees. The Parish Council has a right to nominate up to 3 trustees to the board, recognising the important support the Parish Council is providing to help secure Long Meadow and Croft Close Set-aside for the community. In doing this, it is building on the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, which was strongly endorsed by the community in a referendum in May 2021. The remaining trustees are community members with a mix of conservation and business expertise, who have been actively involved in the project.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects for which the charity is established are, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment in the parishes of Histon and Impington by the advancement of biodiversity.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance

The charity was set up to acquire the Abbey Fields properties, Long Meadow and Croft Close Set-aside, for the community and ensure their management for biodiversity conservation, preservation of archaeological heritage, educational use and people's enjoyment. The charity is legally responsible for the current fund-raising and financial management and then for looking after Croft Close Set-aside and Long Meadow. (After the end of the reporting period, the charity took on the lease of Long Meadow effective 21 June 2022.)

One of the first actions of the Charity was to help set up an organisation of volunteers and supporters, called the **Friends of Histon and Impington Green Spaces**, or FHIGS, which you can read about on this website: <https://abbeyfields.online/friends-group>. The Friends organisation is doing nearly all the hard work for the fund-raising campaign, as well as undertaking the initial land management actions, on behalf of the HIGS Charity. However, the Charity retains ultimate legal responsibility.

In the period under review, HIGS/FHIGS has undertaken a range of activities aimed at both facilitating access to Croft Close Set-aside and Long Meadow, improving the habitat quality and undertaking biodiversity monitoring. This has included:

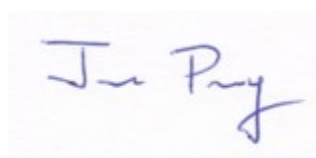
- Path maintenance (done by volunteers) to ensure access to both sites
- Tree safety work focused on the access paths
- Guided walks (together with planning a programme of these for the summer months)
- Two public talks, one focused on wildlife, the second on the Set-aside's archaeology
- Habitat management, including protecting rough grass habitats from bramble invasion and an early cut of the hay meadow with the aim of improving the wildflower population by reducing competition from grasses
- Preparation for an educational Easter quiz event (in which over 120 children participated and bringing 400 to 500 visitors to Long Meadow)
- A programme of monthly bird ringing which will inform understanding the bird population present
- Planning flora and moth trapping surveys for the summer months
- Initial mapping of the habitats at both sites
- Engaging with representatives of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Cambridgeshire Past Present & Future and the Biodiversity & Greenspaces Team of Cambridgeshire County Council.

There has also been considerable fundraising activity during the period, focused on the local community many of whom pledged support prior to the Charity being established. The Charity developed a fundraising pack to encourage donations via sponsorship and participated in a major village event at Christmas. Regular newsletters, articles in Parish Council and other publications, together with development of good website content have all played a part.

Financial review

The charity is still in the initial fund-raising stages and at the end of the period the charity held £170,253 in reserves towards the target of £500,000.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 14th December 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr J Pavey
Trustee

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Histon & Impington Green Spaces ('the charity') for the period ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Robert Plumbly

31 December 2022

Pease Way, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9YZ

Histon & Impington Green Spaces

Statement of Financial Activities

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

	Note	Period from 24 Aug 21 to 31 Mar 22		
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	—	170,710	170,710
Charitable activities	5	243	—	243
Total income		<u>243</u>	<u>170,710</u>	<u>170,953</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	6	—	370	370
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	—	330	330
Total expenditure		<u>—</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>243</u>	<u>170,010</u>	<u>170,253</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		—	—	—
Total funds carried forward		<u>243</u>	<u>170,010</u>	<u>170,253</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

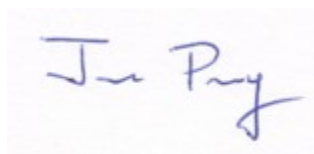
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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note	£	31 Mar 22 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		170,253	
Net current assets			170,253
Total assets less current liabilities			170,253
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			170,010
Unrestricted funds			243
Total charity funds	11		170,253

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 14 December 2022 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Pavey
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9LU.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

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All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

4. Donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations		
Donations including Gift Aid	<u>170,710</u>	<u>170,710</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£
Walking tours	<u>243</u>	<u>243</u>

6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£
Fundraising costs	<u>370</u>	<u>370</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£
Support costs	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs	Total funds 2022
	£	£
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>

9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the period was Nil.

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

10. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustees have had any expenses reimbursed.

11. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 24 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>—</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>243</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

11. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 24 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Abbey Fields Properties	<u>—</u>	<u>170,710</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>170,010</u>

Abbey Fields Properties

This fund is for the acquisition and management of the Abbey Fields properties. The funds can also be used for anything related to developing and sustaining HIGS as a viable charity, able to be an effective owner and custodian of Abbey Fields on behalf of the community in perpetuity.

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Current assets	<u>243</u>	<u>170,010</u>	<u>170,253</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Histon & Impington Green Spaces

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1195616

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

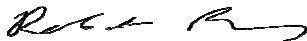
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Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 31/12/2022

Name: Robert Stuart Plumbly

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address: 20 Pease Way

Histon

Cambridgeshire

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Statement of Financial Activities

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note	£	31 Mar 22 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		170,253	
Net current assets			170,253
Total assets less current liabilities			170,253
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			170,010
Unrestricted funds			243
Total charity funds	11		170,253

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Mr J Pavey
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

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4. Donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations		
Donations including Gift Aid	170,710	170,710

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£
Walking tours	<u>243</u>	<u>243</u>

6. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
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Fundraising costs	<u>370</u>	<u>370</u>

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	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
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Support costs	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>

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	Support costs	Total funds 2022
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Activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>

9. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the period was Nil.

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

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No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustees have had any expenses reimbursed.

11. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 24 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>–</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>243</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 24 August 2021 to 31 March 2022

11. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 24 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Abbey Fields Properties	<u>–</u>	<u>170,710</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>170,010</u>

Abbey Fields Properties

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Current assets	<u>243</u>	<u>170,010</u>	<u>170,253</u>